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To: DAVID YENNIOR[dyennior@gmail.com]
From: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org
Sent: Fri 3/4/2016 10:47:54 PM
Subject: Re: Invitation for Passaic River Event Tomorrow, March 4 at 11:30 a.m.

* did not state he opposed it

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 4, 2016, at 4:28 PM, Debbie Mans <debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org> wrote:

Just to clarify, Senator Booker was there to support the final remedy selection and did state that he opposed it.

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Join team that is protecting, preserving, and restoring the Hudson-Raritan Estuary [by clicking here](#)

On Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 12:55 PM, DAVID YENNOR <dyennior@gmail.com> wrote:

Well, sure enough, the Community Advisory Group (CAG) is the last to know the EPA decision. There's even a colored pamphlet explaining the decision: "The entire lower eight miles of the river will be capped bank-to-bank." The planning will continue for 3-4 years before the work will begin. The project will take 6 years to complete.

There's no example given of a tidal river that has been capped bank to bank. From 1.7 mile to 8.3 mile they will dredge about 2.5 feet, yet the polluted sediment is contaminated to depths of 12-20 feet. The river has not been dredged for fifty years to maintain the original depth of the river. Capping is not a cleanup, nor is it a restoration.

Capping will mean low speed travel by boats. Large boats will be restricted to the first 2 miles. No anchors can be dropped for fear of damaging the fragile cap. No building of new bulkheads will be permitted for fear of disturbing the cap.

This decision is being done because it's the cheapest way out. The EPA plan is less than a half measure. The bulk of the toxins will remain in the river bottom. Polluters are not being held fully responsible.

This decision goes against the recommendation of the Sierra Club of a full restoration and total removal of toxins.

Sen Cory Booker, the former Newark Mayor, agrees that this is not enough. "This is a crime scene". "The theft of a river."

David Yennor
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On Mar 3, 2016, at 12:11 PM, Doug Sarno <doug@forumfg.com> wrote:

Hi CAG members and other interested folks, please see below an announcement from EPA about a major announcement tomorrow morning in Newark.
thanks
Doug

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On Friday, March 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck will be joined by federal, state and local officials and community representatives to make a major announcement about the cleanup of the Passaic River in New Jersey, one of the nation's most seriously contaminated bodies of water.

What: Passaic River cleanup announcement

Who: Judith A. Enck, EPA Regional Administrator

U.S. Senator Robert Menendez

U.S. Senator Cory Booker

U.S. Congressman Bill Pascrell

Bob Martin, Commissioner, New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection

Baye Adofo-Wilson, Newark Deputy Mayor

Other dignitaries

When/Where:

Friday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m.

One Newark Center, 1085 Raymond Boulevard

13th Floor – U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Newark Field Office, Newark, N.J., 07102 - RSVPs are encouraged to expedite

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Driving directions:

Input the 1085 Raymond Blvd address into standard GPS or mapping services. There is limited street parking available, but there is a parking garage connected to One Newark Center. The LAZ parking garage's entrance is on Mulberry St. From Raymond Blvd, turn right on to Mulberry St. and then make another right into the parking garage. One Newark Center is connected to the LAZ parking garage by an indoor bridge. You will enter the building on the 6th Floor. Check-in at the desk and proceed to the 13th Floor.

Public Transportation – PATH and NJ Transit trains run to Newark's Penn Station frequently. Once exiting Newark Penn station, proceed to Raymond Blvd going West. The entrance to One Newark Center is at 1085 Raymond Boulevard. Check in at the lobby front desk and then proceed to the 13th Floor.